

**FRANKENMUTH MUTUAL  
INSURANCE COMPANY**

**v.**

**Defendant.**

Plaintiff's interest in cost savings is legitimate. The Motion, though, fails to recognize the importance of the position of local counsel. As members of the

bar of this Court, local counsel are familiar with the practices of the district and are relied upon to ensure that their clients and lead counsel understand not only the technical aspects of the Local Rules but also expectations regarding civility and professionalism.

Additionally, the undersigned is not persuaded that an exception to the Local Rules should be made with regard to the specific upcoming motions hearing in this case.

Accordingly, Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Leave to Attend Hearing Without Local Counsel (Doc. 80) is, respectfully, denied.

It is so ordered.

Signed: February 26, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Carleton Metcalf", written over a horizontal line.

W. Carleton Metcalf  
United States Magistrate Judge

